

NOTES: Wonderfully Complicated
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Thank you Dusty- Taught us about direction, intentions, and doing the things, Jesus being with Jesus
Thank you, Pastor Med, for teaching and reminding us of the importance of the Sabbath.
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Change brings the most complications as it exposes who we are at our core....

Matthew 16.24-25

It is important we understand the way Jesus loved sinful people. He loves us, knowing our lives are riddled with problems. He welcomed sinful people and did not always immediately deliver them from the complications of their choices.

1. The rich young ruler – Mark 10.11-20
2. The women at the well – John 4
3. Woman caught in adultery – John 8

Jesus initiated encounters with the, which consisted of an invitation to leave their lives of sin and follow him, but did not automatically reset their lives. Rather, it complicated them.

Let's look at some other invitations of Jesus....

- **Luke 9:23:** "And he said to them all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me'".
- **John 8:12:** "Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'".
- **Matthew 4:19:** "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men'" (also Mark 1:17).
- **John 12:26:** "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me".
- **1 Peter 2:21:** "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps".
- **1 John 2:6:** "Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked".

Becoming a Follower of Jesus is a giant decision. Sometimes we think of it too basically.

We have to admit or confess three things

1. Failure
2. Being wrong
3. Pride

The Rich Young Ruler

“Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.” (Mark 10:21–22, NIV)

The Woman Caught in adultery

“When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”” (John 8:7–11, NIV)

Samaritan Women at the Well

John 4:19–29 (NASB95)

- 19 The woman *said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.
- 20 “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”
- 21 Jesus *said to her, **“Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.**
- 22 **“You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.**
- 23 **“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.**
- 24 **“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**
- 25 The woman *said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”
- 26 Jesus *said to her, **“I who speak to you am *He*.”**
- 27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”
- 28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men,
- 29 “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

Are you ready to confront your complications? With God’s help and power.

“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2.38